(c) and (d) Appropriate precautionary measures are taken to protect the inviolability of our borders.

Vacant post of Chairman of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

795. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there had been a regular Chairman of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan between December, 1989 to March, 1990; and

(b) if not, the reasons for not filling the post?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) and (b) By virtue of Rule 3 of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan Rules, Prime Minister in his capacity as Minister in charge of Education and Kendriya Vidyalaya Scheme was the Chairman Subsequently w.e.f. 19-3-1990, the Minister of State in charge of Education was designated as Chairman.

796. [*Transferred to the 23rd May 1990*]

Evaluation of Bids for 155 MM Howitzer Guns

797. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1735 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th March, 1990 and state:

(a) what are the dates on which evaluation of bids for 155 mm Howltzer Guns including its live demonstrations, were first evaluated and the status of the respective bidders therein:

(b) what are the details of subsequent revisions in prices and specifications offered by the bidders: and

(c) what is the value of counter trade envisaged in the deals for purchase of Bofors Gun?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) to (c) 1. 155 mm Towed Guns offered by the following seven parties were trial evaluated in India on the dates shown against each:—

(i) M-65 (Yugoslavia)	June-July 1978
(ii) FH 70 (UK)	March-May 1980
(iii) M 198 (USA)	April-June 1980
(iv) FH 77B (Sweden)	June-December, 1981
(v) GC-45 (Austria)	September-November 1981
(vi) M 114 (Netherlands)	March-April 1982
(vii) TR (France)	March-April 1982

2. A Delegation of the Army also witnessed firing/demonstrations of FH 70 (UK), FH 77B (Sweeden) and SG-45 (Austria) during its visits to these countries in June-July 1982 to verify whether certain modifications required to be carried out had been incorporated in the guns by the concerned firms. Based on these trials and demonstrations the Army Headquarters prepared a General Staff Evaluation Report on 31st December, 1982 in which the following guns in the order of preference were recom-